



Office of the United States Trade Representative

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TRANSPARENCY PRINCIPLES

- USTR is committed to providing inclusive opportunities for the public to participate in the development of trade policy and trade initiatives, including changes in policy that affect existing trade programs. USTR will seek public input with respect to new major trade initiatives when feasible even when not required by law.
- USTR will facilitate participation in trade policy development by a broad range of stakeholders. In order to foster more inclusive and broader representation in terms of both geography and demographics, as well as stakeholder perspective, USTR will seek input using innovative and adaptable forms of communication, including virtual hearings and outreach, in addition to traditional means such as Federal Register notices.
- USTR will ensure its website contains up to date information on current trade initiatives and programs. USTR press releases and other materials related to agency programs, initiatives, and negotiations will contain sufficient information to adequately inform the public and will link to available background information on the USTR website.
- USTR will strive to ensure that the membership of federal advisory committees includes a wide variety of expert interests, reflective of the diverse stakeholder perspectives.
- USTR will adhere to the Guidelines for Consultation and Engagement adopted in October 2015.
- USTR will periodically review and adjust these principles, practices, and the Guidelines for Consultation and Engagement to ensure that USTR provides full opportunities for communication and participation in development of trade policy by a broad and diverse range of stakeholders, including American workers,

innovators, manufacturers, farmers, ranchers, fishers, service suppliers, underserved communities, and community-based stakeholders.